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TO [REDACTED]

DATE: 6 October 1953

FROM [REDACTED]

out file E

SUBJECT: Attached copy of letter dated 2 July 1953

[REDACTED] is the outstanding expert on Erythrina alkaloids in this country, and has published 10 to 15 papers on the subject.

The dried extract apparently does not contain the narcotic substance which an extract of the fresh flowers would contain. This is being handled by Gottlieb in TSS.

To the [redacted]
from [redacted]
1 Oct. 1953

July 2, 1953.

Dear [redacted]

[redacted] of the [redacted] Washington, D.C., and two of his associates, [redacted] and [redacted] are deeply interested in some of the hypnotic properties attributed to decoctions of fresh Erythrina flowers or other plant parts.

I have discussed this with them and explained that we in [redacted] have not been successful in demonstrating these effects with dried material. They would like to visit [redacted] to see a demonstration of this effect and would begin active research aimed at isolation of the principle causing the activity if they could witness it.

Perhaps you would be willing to arrange for an interview with them in August or at your early convenience. Would you be kind enough to inform me if a demonstration of this drug activity can be arranged?

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
[redacted]